

25X1

CLASSIFICATION SECRETCOUNTRY East GermanyREPORT TOPIC Brandenburg-Arado AirfieldEVALUATION 

25X1

DATE OF CONTENT DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 7 April 1954

REFERENCES

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

632758

This is UNEVALUATED Information

25X1

1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Brandenburg-Arado airfield between 27 February and 10 March 1954:

25X1

27 February. There was air activity by Il-10s

25X1

28 February. No air activity was conducted. Seventeen ground attack aircraft were parked on the eastern edge of the field.

1 March. Between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., there was air activity at the field. The ground attack aircraft from Briest airfield apparently practiced with those from Arado airfield.

At 5:30 p.m., when air activity was discontinued, 13 Il-10s were counted at the eastern edge of the field.

25X1

2 March. Between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., there was air activity by Il-10s, which flew individually and in formations of twos and threes.

25X1

3 March. At 7 a.m., 12 Il-10s individually taxied to the southern edge of the field and were parked there in one line with their noses pointing to the north. At 7:30 a.m., the aircraft individually taxied to the take-off point at intervals of about 5 minutes and subsequently made individual flights.

25X1

4 March. Between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., there was comparatively little air activity by aircraft  which flew individually and in formations of twos and threes. At 6 p.m., 12 Il-10s were parked at the eastern edge of the field.

25X1

5 March. During the early morning, 13 Il-10s were observed at the eastern edge. At 8:20 a.m., 4 Il-10s took off at intervals of about 2 minutes. At 9:45 a.m., 4 Il-10s approached from the north and landed at the field. Between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., a Po-2 circled over Brandenburg. Between 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., individual Il-10s were observed aloft. The weather was hazy.

CLASSIFICATION SECRET25 YEAR  
RE-REVIEW

SECRET/

25X1

- 2 -

6 March. Between 7 a.m. and about 9 a.m., there was air activity which had to be discontinued because of light rain. At 10:30 a.m., air activity was resumed. [redacted] The ground attack unit from Briest was involved in an exercise with the aircraft from Arado airfield; the latter aircraft landed at Briest airfield. Formations of two, three, four and up to 7 ground attack aircraft were observed aloft. [redacted]

25X1

25X1

7 March. No air activity was observed at the field around 10 a.m. Thirty-two canvas-covered Il-10s were parked at the eastern edge of the field.

8 March. Beginning at 11 a.m., 30 to 40 soldiers removed the tarpaulins from 32 aircraft. Between noon and 3 p.m., groups of 4 or 5 soldiers each were being given instruction on about 10 Il-10s, while 1 soldier or officer each gave explanations in the cabins. About 4 p.m., some Il-10s circled over the field. Air activity was discontinued at 5 p.m. From 7 p.m. until about midnight, night flying was practiced by 2 Il-10s.

9 March. Thirty-two Il-10s were again counted at the eastern edge of the field. Between 12:30 p.m. and 4 p.m., some flights apparently factory test flights, were made. Shortly after 5 p.m., 11 Il-10s approached from the northwest at an altitude of about 300 meters and flew east of the field heading toward the southeast.

10 March. Between 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., individual and formation flights were made by Il-10s [redacted]

25X1

2. An AA gun emplacement with 5 AA guns was located on the northern edge of the field, outside of the field boundary, about 200 meters from the Brandenburg settlement. 2

3. At 8 a.m. on 9 March, 26 air force officers and 200 MG, in addition to 480 Soviet Army soldiers from the 74th Division marched to the motion picture theater in the Feldauspustler Kaserne in Brandenburg.

25X1

4. Between 9 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. on 10 March, air activity was observed at the field. Individual and formation flights were made and an aircraft towing a glider target was repeatedly observed aloft. 1

1. [redacted] Comment. Aircraft of the ground attack regiment from Brandenburg-Arado airfield had temporarily transferred to Stendal airfield in connection with an exercise around 4 March 1954. The regiment is equipped with about 45 Il-10s marked by red propeller hubs, red upper edges on their main assemblies [redacted]

25X1

25X1

2. [redacted] Comment. The AA gun emplacement at the northern edge of the field was reported for the first time in December 1953. It has apparently been newly established there. Previously, the AA gun emplacement was located in the western section of the field.

SECRET/